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## Interview Summary

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Michael Van Handel

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Date of Interview: 19 February 2008Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yese) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 48Identification of prior art discussed: Roberts et al.Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant presented proposed amendments to overcome the cited references. Proposed amendments describe an interface unit connected between a computer and keyboard, sending a keyboard signal from the interface unit to the computer when the user's presence is detected, and performing an action at a set-top box. The examiner stated that the proposed amendments appear to overcome the Robarts et al. reference, but further search and/or consideration will be required.